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Sir/Madam:

Please find enclosed a copy of the amendment/response to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2003 and a post card.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No: <u>50-1963</u>. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.